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THE ASSOCIATION was founded in 1825, its object being "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity." In furtherance of this purpose the Association publishes books, reports, and tracts; supports missionaries; establishes and maintains churches, and aids in supporting ministers; assists students in preparing for the ministry; and helps fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech in entering upon their American life. It administers endowments for the benefit of schools and churches of the Unitarian order; for the relief of poor and worthy ministers and the widows of ministers; for providing public lectures in centers of population; for the benefit of schools for colored people in the South; and for many other beneficent purposes.

THE ALLIANCE OF UNITARIAN WOMEN

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE was organized in 1890, and has for its aims primarily to quicken the religious life of the Unitarian churches, and to bring the women of the denomination into closer acquaintance, co-operation and fellowship; to promote local organizations of women for missionary and denominational work; to bring them into helpful association; to collect and disseminate information regarding all matters of interest to the denomination, such as needs of local societies, facilities for meeting these needs, work to be done, the collection and distribution of money, and in general to devise ways and means for the most efficient usefulness of the women of the Unitarian fellowship.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS UNION

THE UNION was organized in 1896, and its purposes are to foster the religious life; to bring the young people of the Unitarian churches into closer relations with one another; and to spread rational views of religion and to put into practice such principles of life and duty as tend to uplift mankind. The cardinal principles of the Union are truth, worship and service. It maintains a field secretary to promote the organization of the young people and to extend the fellowship of the Union.

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THE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY is practically the working committee of the Unitarian churches to promote the cause of temperance in every way possible. It publishes and freely distributes addresses, pamphlets, leaflets and tracts, and furnishes temperance news and facts to the public press. It arranges for conferences on the subject of temperance and sends speakers to general meetings where this subject may properly have a share in the interest and attention.

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A Letter to the Churches

To the Ministers and Congregations of the Unitarian Fellowship:—

In the name of our Fellowship of Free Churches we greet you and welcome you to the new responsibilities and the unparalleled opportunity of spiritual leadership to which the times are summoning us all. You feel and understand better than any words of ours can express that this great war for freedom and humanity, into which we have entered, is to be won not only by the development and organization of the material and military powers of our land, but also by the spiritual forces which are cherished and upbuilt within the churches.

Shall it not be our high privilege not only to prepare ourselves for the stout defence of human rights, but also to quicken the larger sympathies, to reinforce character, to perpetuate the chivalric spirit with which America takes up arms, and to proclaim the spiritual significance of the ideals that animate us?

The old meeting-houses of our forefathers in New England were shrines of patriotism as well as houses of prayer and praise. We believe that in the present crisis you will maintain that tradition and prove that our churches are still the places where the people can find the enduring inspirations of courage and faith.

We trust that the flag will be honorably displayed in every church. We hope that no service of public worship will be completed without prayer that the counsels of the nations may be guided by wisdom and so directed as to promote the reign of righteousness and secure a just and lasting peace. We are well assured that the validity and compulsion of the moral issues of the great conflict will be emphasized from the pulpit, that we may all be firmly persuaded that it is our duty to bear all burdens and endure all risks for the principles which are our best inheritance and which we cannot sacrifice without dishonor to ourselves and infinite and irreparable loss to mankind.

"With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right," let us enter upon these great adventures because we are still highly resolved that "government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT,
President of the General Conference.
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President of the American Unitarian Association.
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EDITORIAL

AMERICAN isolation is a thing of the past. The destiny of the United States rises or falls with the destiny of democracy the world over. As a Christian people we have always desired to promote the principle of universal freedom without becoming involved in the European war. Brave efforts have been made during the last fifty years to establish permanent peace by means of Peace Jubilees, Congresses, Conferences, Hague Tribunals, and the formation of an International Court of Arbitration, encouraged by the extensive publication of peace literature, and the formation of local and national peace societies. It was hoped that psychological and other conditions would finally bring about such an abhorrence of war that no government would have the hardihood to precipitate it. But what the majority of right-minded Americans desire is one thing, and what they must accept is another thing.

Hideous war is on, and in the name of that which every American citizen values above everything else, this country must share in its deadly glories.

War, in the minds of many good people, is like a forest fire—once it gets under way, only a back-fire can arrest its fatal progress. Or, to change the figure, war is regarded as a plague that can be arrested only by inoculating the body politic with a kindred deadly microbe. The people of the entire world are today so closely related and the interests of one country are so knit into the interests of all, that war in any one country creates belligerent conditions in every other country. Whether recognized or not, a State of Nations actually exists and in the large human sense, any war is a civil war, brother fighting brother, citizens of the world slaying other citizens of the world. To have a single autocracy in a world that has become democratic, is intolerable. Caesar and Demos cannot long live together under the same roof. Kings may linger as picturesque relics of a past age, but their "divine right" is practically reduced to the divine right of abdication. The people, even in the most distant parts of the globe, are learning that "a man's a man for a' that and a' that," whether he be born in the palace of a king, or in the hut among the highlands.

THESE are the times that try men's souls. Intensity of belief and opinion is everywhere apparent. This is especially observable among Unitarians. In a fellowship where individual conviction is not only tolerated, but cultivated, it is inevitable that there should be the greatest possible diversity of thought both in the pulpit and in the press. It is interesting to notice how the most extreme positions are taken by people who call themselves Christians, who habitually authorize their views by referring to the teachings of Jesus. In these times of violence and bloodshed, it is Jesus of Nazareth who

is cited, not only by those who regard him as the Saviour of the world, but by those also who have long since abandoned the creeds of Christendom.

Among the Unitarians who teach the humanity of Jesus, it would seem as if those who are most quoted are continually supporting their utterances by quotations from the Gospels. One gets the impression that some of the Unitarian ministers who have incurred unpopularity during recent months have taken the position, not that a given truth has the Gospel of Jesus to support it, but that a given proposition must be true because Jesus held it. This latter attitude, whether it be admitted or not, implies infallibility on the part of the founder of Christianity.

THE difficulty in referring to Jesus as an infallible or inerrant authority consists in determining just which Jesus is meant. Jesus apparently shared with the rest of humanity in the duality of his personality. Do our brethren on either side, refer to the Jesus who taught us to render good for evil, and to turn the other cheek, or the Jesus who in white wrath, braided a whip of small thongs, and lashed about, right and left, upsetting the tables of the money changers, and driving them out of the temple? Is it the Jesus who said that he who calls his brother a fool is in danger of hell fire, or the Jesus who uttered torrents of invective upon those who did not agree with him, calling them liars and hypocrites, offspring of vipers, and children of hell? Is it the Jesus who said to the belligerent disciple, "Put up again thy sword into its place, for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword," or is it the Jesus who commanded his disciples to sell their cloaks and buy swords, or who exclaimed "Think not that I came to send peace on the earth; I came not to send peace, but a sword."

Do we refer to Jesus the citizen of the world, who taught the Fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood of man, or to Jesus the patriot-Jew who looked forward to a second coming, when he should be king, and his disciples would sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel, while the selfish and contemptible Gentiles would be no more?

Idealists have been both the hope and the despair of the world. They have been like other men, and they have been prophets and seers; but they have been men of temperament and mood, sometimes overwhelmed in the conditions of the present hour, and at other times courting martyrdom as they lifted their eyes to the vision of some far-off good. Most ministers, and especially Unitarian ministers, alternate between their loyalty to the world as they think it ought to be and their allegiance to the world as it actually is. It would seem to be the part of good sense, then, not only to tolerate, but to honor, every courageous utterance of honest men in these times of heart-burning and popular sensitiveness. No single man is large enough to forecast with any certainty, the next quarter of a century. Within three years changes have taken place which are staggering in their revolutionary character. Five years hence, children will be born who will hardly understand the forms of expression used by the citizens of today. Many men believe it is worth while to be martyred for their individual opinion as to what the world will be or ought to be twenty years hence. Other men by thousands are willing to give their lives to preserve what their fathers fought for in years gone by. Jesus at his best spake "as never man spake," but even his vast generalizations may become of practical value to the world only as the martyr dies for an ideal and the soldier for a prophetic cause.

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Ministerial Personals

Rev. August Dellgren, formerly minister of the Swedish Congregation in Chicago, died at Chicago on April 7.

Rev. Frederick M. Eliot, Associate Minister of the First Parish in Cambridge has accepted a call to Unity Church, St. Paul, Minn., beginning in September.

Rev. H. R. Williams of New York has accepted a call to Concord, N. H., and Rev. C. G. Adams to Waverly, Mass.

Rev. Charles R. Joy has resigned at the First Parish in Portland, Me.

Rev. W. M. Brundage, of Unity Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., who is recovering from a severe illness, has been given by his society a year's leave of absence at full salary.

Rev. Wm. Short, Jr., has resigned at Palo Alto, Cal., and Rev. T. H. Marshall at Rochester, N. Y.

Journeys

The month of April is the time when the scattered and traveling representatives of the Association turn towards Boston for the year's roundup.

Dr. Francis G. Peabody has returned from his Southern journey. He spoke and preached at Richmond, Va., Charleston, S. C., Atlanta, Ga., and Washington. Rev. S. R. Maxwell has returned from a month's journey. His visits were at Marietta, O., Chattanooga, Memphis and Nashville, Tenn., Birminghan, Ala., New Orleans and Shreveport, La., Dallas, Tex., Alton, Springfield and Bloomington, Ill., and Buffalo, N. Y. Rev. F. A. Gilmore of Madison, Wis., has completed a month of service at Austin, Tex. He was able also to preach on one Sunday at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and to speak at San Antonio, Tex. Rev. George Kent, of New Orleans, La., has held a series of meetings at Shreveport, uniting in a final meeting with Mr. Maxwell. Professor Ephraim Emerton of Cambridge has been obliged by sickness in his family to cancel his lecture appointments on the Pacific Coast. Some of these appointments will be filled by President Southworth of Meadville, who is now in California.

Of the office staff, the President has returned from his journey in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California and Colorado. Field Secretary Channing Brown has completed a prolonged round of visits carrying him through Wisconsin, Minnesota, Montana, Idaho, Utah and Colorado, where he met the President of the Association for a conference. Returning from Denver, Mr. Brown visited Oklahoma City, Okla., Memphis, Tenn., and Charleston, W. Va. Mr. Lawrance, of the Department of Religious Education, has visited Meadville and Erie, Penn., Cleveland, Columbus, Canton and Dayton, O., Buffalo and Syracuse, N. Y. Field Secretary Murdock has visited, during the past month, all the churches in southern California joining with the President of the Association in a conference at Redlands. Rev. R. E. Conner is still in California, meeting a number of preaching appointments and helping the local ministers. The Secretary of the Association has made a brief journey to Meadville and Rochester, N. Y., preaching for two Sundays at the latter place.

Conferences

The Meadville Conference held a very successful meeting at Buffalo, March 26-28 and the Southern California Conference held a session at Redlands on March 11-13. Three important district Conferences are to be held during the coming month. The Southern Conference meets at Chattanooga, May 8-10, the Pacific Conference meets at Berkeley, Cal., on the same days, and the Western Conference meets at Des Moines, Ia., May 7-9.

The dates for the New England County Conferences will be announced in the next number of WORD AND WORK.

Buildings

The Society in Holyoke, Mass., has purchased an extremely desirable lot for the proposed new building. This lot is at the corner of Appleton and Poplar Streets and is one of the most convenient in the city. The plans for the church building are now being prepared.

The Society in Schenectady, N. Y., has let the contract for a new building and the corner-stone will be laid by Mr. Taft, the President of the General Conference, when he visits Schenectady on June 15.

The Society in San Antonio, Tex., has adopted designs for a charming and adequate building to be erected on the lot already owned by the Association. The Society is now endeavoring to obtain subscriptions among its own members and its friends in different parts of the country.

The Society in Sanford, Me., is also engaged in raising money for the building of its church. An admirable design has been adopted and it is hoped that the subscription can be completed so the church can be built during the coming summer.

Movements are on foot for the purchase of land and buildings in Austin and Houston, Tex., Lynchburg, Va., and Charleston, W. Va., but the success of these enterprises depends upon the response made by the churches to the appeal for assistance to these good ends. The desired properties are well selected, but the money to purchase them is not yet in sight. Here is an excellent chance for any one who wishes to promote the Unitarian cause in these important centers.

Anniversary Week

The programs for the meetings of Anniversary Week are on their way to the churches. The meetings in Boston will begin on Sunday, May 20, and on the evening of that day there will be a public meeting in Symphony Hall and the Anniversary Sermon will be preached by Rev. William L. Sullivan, of New York. Throughout the week the usual services of morning prayer in King's Chapel and the Vesper Service in the First Church will be conducted as in former years. On Monday morning, May 21st, at 10.15 comes the annual meeting of the Ministerial Union in King's Chapel, and Rev. R. W. Boynton of Buffalo will be the speaker. At 11.30 on the same morning, in King's Chapel, there comes the meeting of the Massachusetts Convention of Congregational Ministers with Rev. A. J. Muste and Rev. Sydney B. Snow as the speakers. In the afternoon the Alliance will hold its annual meeting in Tremont Temple. The subject of the addresses is "The Mobilization of Spiritual Forces" and there will be five speakers. On Monday evening the League of Unitarian Laymen will hold its annual meeting and dinner at the Engineers' Club. The addresses will be by Rev. F. R. Griffin of Montreal, Prof. Dallas Lore Sharpe, and Mr. S. R. Ratcliffe of Manchester, Eng.

On Tuesday, the 22nd, the American Unitarian Association holds its Ninety-Second Annual Meeting in Tremont Temple. There will be the usual reports and addresses by the officers of the Association, the election of officers and directors for the ensuing year, and a number of speeches by workers in the field. In the evening the annual reception will be held under the auspices of the Hospitality Committee at Horticultural Hall.

On Wednesday morning the Berry Street Conference meets at the Second Church, with an address by Rev. George R. Dodson of St. Louis. The Alliance has its business meeting at the First Church. The Meadville Alumni meet for luncheon and business at the Bulfinch Place Church. The Temperance Society meets in Arlington Street Church in the afternoon, and the Unitarian Festival will be held in Tremont Temple in the evening, with Dr. Charles W. Eliot presiding.

On Thursday morning the graduation exercises of the Tuckerman School will be held in Channing Hall, with an ad-

dress by Rev. Earl M. Wilbur of Berkeley, Cal. The Sunday School Society will hold sessions morning and afternoon in Ford Hall and the Fellowship for Social Justice will also hold morning and afternoon sessions at Bulfinch Place Church. In the evening there will be a public meeting of the Department of Religious Education of the American Unitarian Association in the Arlington Street Church, with addresses by Dr. Dodson of St. Louis and Dr. Henry F. Cope, Secretary of the Religious Education Association.

On Friday morning the Unitarian Historical Society holds its meeting in King's Chapel with Rev. Charles E. Park as the speaker, and in the afternoon and evening the Young People's Religious Union meets at the First Parish Church in Cambridge. The afternoon speaker will be Mr. N. J. Springer of Meadville and the sermon in the evening will be preached by Rev. A. L. Hudson of Quincy.

The customary hospitality will be extended to ministers coming from a distance and the usual lunches will be served at the Bulfinch Place Church.

Department of Religious Education

The Annual Meeting of the Unitarian Sunday School Society will be held on Thursday, May 24. There will be two sessions, both in Ford Hall. At the forenoon session, beginning at 10 a.m., there will be the reports of the Clerk and Treasurer, the election of officers and the transaction of other business. The President will read his Annual Report. Rev. John H. Lathrop, of Brooklyn, N. Y., will give an address on "Suggestions from Experience." Rev. Henry T. Secrist will then conduct an open forum, with questions and answers and suggestions from the floor.

At the afternoon session, after a brief period devoted to unfinished business, the use of pageantry in religious education will be considered. Mr. Percy MacKaye, of New York, eminent as a specialist in pageantry, will read a paper on "Neighborliness, the Creed of Community Drama." Mrs. Eugene R. Shippen, of Detroit, will follow with a paper on "Pageantry as a means of Teaching the Unitarian Faith." After the addresses there will be presented a series of scenes illustrative of certain dramatic moments in the history of liberalism. These will be offered as fragments of a possible "Pageant of the Liberal Faith" and as a suggestion to churches and schools of a way of teaching both local and general church history.

The Sunday School Institute at Proctor Academy, Andover, N. H., will begin on Sunday, June 24, and close Saturday night, June 30. Dr. William Byron Forbush, author of "The Boy Problem," "The Boy's Life of Christ," and other books, and founder of The Knights of King Arthur, will be the principal speaker. His addresses will be on Story-Telling, Handwork, Pictures, Dramatic Representations and Discussions, as graphic methods of presenting Sunday-school lessons. Miss Buck will give a course of lectures on methods of teaching the Life of Jesus, and Miss Mary Lawrance will give an hour of story-telling and will present a dramatized Bible story. Mr. Lawrance will also take part. Prof. Kirsopp Lake will give two addresses, and Unitarian ministers will preach on the Sundays preceding and following. On the week-day evenings there will be a course of sermons and addresses.

At Meadville a strong program has been arranged, the session continuing from July 5 to July 25, inclusive. Dr. Forbush will give daily lectures. Prof. Clayton R. Bowen will also lecture daily, his topic being "The Earliest Christianity and its Writings." Prof. Anna Garlin Spencer and President Southworth will also give courses of lectures. Mr. Lawrance will be in general charge, will give a series of addresses and will hold conferences on working methods.

The war situation has apparently made it impossible to hold any meetings at Star Island this summer. Only the speedy coming of peace will make it prudent to convey so many people across the open sea to the Isles of Shoals. Unless, therefore, the situation changes completely and suddenly, the hotel will

not be opened and the Unitarian meetings, so carefully planned for this summer, will not be held. It is to be hoped that other meetings, perhaps at Andover, N.H., may be arranged. In any case, Sunday-school workers will find at the Andover and Meadville institutes, announced above, unsurpassed opportunities for combined study and recreation.

Two more books in the Beacon Course in Religious Education are now ready. One of these is the Teachers' Manual to be used with Professor Bowen's "Gospel of Jesus," for pupils thirteen years of age. It has been prepared by Rev. Florence Buck, Associate Secretary of this Department, who has also prepared a note-book, offering expressional work for the use of pupils during the year. The three taken together present material for the study of the Life of Jesus that has probably never been surpassed. The Gospel is illuminating, the Manual contains full directions for presenting the lessons, together with abundant information about children of this age and about the lesson material, and the expressional work is at once of superior artistic quality and of a character to impress the lessons upon the pupils' minds.

The other book now ready in the course is Rev. George R. Dodson's "The Sympathy of Religions." It is a masterful presentation of the underlying and unifying elements in the great religious systems and incidentally a most persuasive presentation of religion as a vital human interest. The book is graded for pupils of twenty years or older, and for the time stands as the culmination of the Beacon Course. It is also heartily commended as a study-book for Alliances and reading-circles. Its lucidity of style will make its message plain to beginners in this field, while its profound thought will be gratefully received by advanced students. Dr. Dodson's book sells for one dollar and a quarter a copy.

Rev. Florence Buck, Associate Secretary of the Department of Religious Education will visit churches in the Middle States Conference between April 27 and May 13. There will be preaching engagements at Summit, N. J. Brooklyn (Willow Place), Pittsburgh and Allegheny City. Lecture engagements, especially for Sunday-school workers, will be met at Orange, Rutherford, Passaic and Montclair, in New Jersey, in Brooklyn and in Pittsburgh. In the last named city a group of German churches have arranged for a union meeting, in the interest of the Meadville Institute.

Department of Social and Public Service

The excitement and activity connected with the war, and the early date of Easter, have together tended to divert the attention of the churches from any new forms of social service work. Individuals, no doubt, are rendering their customary personal service. Co-operative work, in which several churches in the same community are engaged, is going forward with somewhat reduced momentum. The Department has been making an effort to extend acquaintance among the churches of the purpose and aims of the World Alliance for Promoting International Friendship Through the Churches. Just at present it would seem as though there was not much opportunity for the churches to do anything to promote friendship among the nations, but the war some time will come to an end. When peace is declared and life begins once more to run in normal channels, there are potent causes of friction between ourselves and other nations which will have to be considered. Relations between the United States and Mexico are not likely to become so cordial that something cannot be done to improve them; the failure of this country to protect aliens within our borders from mob violence will require careful consideration; the unjust treatment of China and Japan by our government will more than ever demand amendment and reform. All these are profoundly ethical questions and are of deep concern to the churches, which more than any other institution conserve the moral health of the country. The best form of preparedness against future trouble is to remove such causes of friction as these between ourselves

and other nations. In time of war prepare for peace. The churches may well give much thought and attention to these matters.

Within the month the Secretary of the Department has spoken upon these questions before the Men's Clubs of Grafton, Templeton, and Nashua, the Unitarian church in South Natick, and the Congregational church in West Newbury. He has also addressed the Conference of the Unitarian and Universalist ministers at Brattleboro. At East Bridgewater he spoke before a union meeting of all Protestant churches on "New Americans in Massachusetts."

Several ministers are either giving lectures on the subject outlined in Social Service Bulletin No. 38, or they have it under consideration. In several churches, too, petitions are in circulation among the members asking the President and Congress to take the whole matter under advisement.

The season for club meetings and public addresses before the churches is nearly over, but the Secretary would be glad to make appointments for the Fall. The great question of the improvement of American-Japanese relations will take time to settle, and information concerning the points at issue should be given as wide publicity as possible. All those who are interested are invited to send for Social Service Bulletin No. 38. This gives a clear statement of the question and is particularly useful for study classes.

Liberal Evangelism and Publicity

Experiments that have been made by some of our churches with bulletin boards have shown that here is an effective means of getting our message before the public. Plans have been made and are announced for a much more extensive and systematic use of this method.

In general the plan, which some of our churches have been following, has been to take a sentence which expresses a great truth and put it in large type on a bulletin board in front of the church. These sentences are frequently changed. They are so selected as to stimulate thought. They express truth in efficient words. This has resulted in some cities in hundreds of people acquiring the habit of watching the Unitarian Bulletin Board.

Up to the present time the churches that have experimented with this method have followed each one its own plan. A group of ministers, who had made successful use of the device, were called together some weeks ago at the Unitarian headquarters in Boston, and each one contributed the story of his experience. Out of this has grown the plan for the systematic use of the device.

The essential points in the new plan are to ask a large number of our churches to adopt a uniform size of bulletin board, and the American Unitarian Association will print a number of sentences on sheets of paper and distribute them freely, just as tracts are distributed, for the use of any of our churches that will co-operate in the plan.

The difficulties that have heretofore stood in the way of a larger number of churches using this plan have been the cost and the labor of maintaining this form of publicity. By co-operation the whole matter becomes very much simpler. It becomes unnecessary for any church to go to the labor and expense of producing the sheets by hand.

In addition to providing the sheets with selected sentences printed upon them, the Unitarian Association has made arrangements with a manufacturer for the production of suitable bulletin boards at a moderate cost. The Association is willing to act as agent between the churches and the manufacturer, so that the churches can have the boards at the price charged by the manufacturer.

Any church which wishes to have its bulletin board built by a local builder can do so, and the Association will furnish, free, a sketch with the essential dimensions, in order that the sheets can be used in these bulletin boards.

The sheets of paper are to be 32 inches by 44 inches, the long way horizontal. Some churches may desire a special design in order to accord with the architecture of the church.

A bulletin board made according to the plans of the Association can be furnished for the modest sum of about $10.

It is obvious that it will greatly help in promoting the whole plan if a considerable number of churches will act promptly upon it and will decide to install the device. Ministers or committees should address all communications concerning this matter to Rev. Henry Hallam Saunderson, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. Call the device, "The Wayside Pulpit."

The work of liberal evangelism is taking a stronger and stronger hold upon the life of our churches. Again plans are announced for a meeting of our ministers to make a study of the spirit and the methods of evangelism, in order better to equip themselves to share in this promising movement. From Sunday, July 1, to Sunday, July 8, the ministers are invited to meet at Andover, N. H. Rev. William L. Sullivan, of New York, who is deeply interested in the movement, has promised to spend the week at Andover.

When this week was selected, it was the expectation that the meetings of the Isles of Shoals would follow immediately, but since it has wisely been decided not to hold any meetings at the Isles of Shoals this summer, it is hoped very much that a large number of our ministers will attend these meetings at Andover the first week of July.

The place selected is altogether ideal: a quiet little village up among the hills and mountains of New Hampshire. The use of the buildings of Proctor Academy will enable the ministers to live in close comradeship, using the dormitories and eating together in the large dining-room.

The ministers who shared the splendid fellowship of the meetings a year ago derived much inspiration. To meet in the little stone church in the centre of the village, or to take our books and go up into the pine woods, on the side of Ragged Mountain, and have the seclusion which the surroundings offer, is a rare opportunity.

Many of our ministers will doubtless remain on duty during the summer on account of the emergency created by the war, but it will be a great help to those who can have no longer vacation if they can get away for that first week of July and receive the spiritual uplift of the week of meetings at Andover.

New England Field Secretary

Since the date of the last report the Field Secretary has preached at Northampton, the First Church, Somerville, Stoneham, South Hingham, and in each case found fair congregations and good listeners. He also attended the annual parish supper at South Natick where a good minister and a loyal people are making the Old Meeting House a centre of activity for that district. The parish supper of the church in Milton was held on March 28th, and the Secretary spoke of "The Efficient Church." It was really an occasion of great enjoyment to the visitor. The parish house is one of the most pleasing in the country and the whole occasion was one which gave the impression of a fine united people, supporting the endeavors of their minister in good fashion.

The Field Secretary also attended the meeting of the Maine Unitarian Association, which was more largely attended than has sometimes been the case, and they most heartily voted to assist the building enterprise of the church in Sanford. The session of the Universalist-Unitarian Societies of Vermont was held at Brattleboro on the 10th and 11th. Most of the ministers were from rural parishes. They were very much in earnest about their work, and the Universalists, who have about fifty parishes in Vermont, and the Unitarians with six, appear to be rendering very important service. One could meet ministers there who are preaching and farming, and succeeding in both. Two or three fairly large-sized places were mentioned as presenting opportunity for Unitarian work. In fact if only our people would raise the funds there could be several promising fields of work undertaken right here in New

England, but it is of no use to attempt the task when there is no assurance of facilities to carry it through successfully.

The New Hymn and Tune Book

Publication Department

It is gratifying to see the interest that the churches have taken in the *New Hymn and Tune Book*. Since our last notice, the Unitarian Societies of Moline, Ill.; the Church of All Souls, New York City; Dorchester, Mass. (Third Religious Society); Paterson, N. J.; Westford, Mass.; Wichita, Kansas; Milford, N. H.; Salt Lake City, Utah; Somerville and West Somerville, Mass., and both church and Sunday school of Jamaica Plain, Mass., have placed their orders for the new book. A number of other churches have expressed the intention of adopting it as soon as their means will permit.

The *New Hymn and Tune Book* has deservedly met with unusual approval among the Unitarian and among a large number of Universalist churches. We know of no hymn book which offers more appropriate material for church use in this period of uncertainty and danger.

The New Tract

The Association has recently issued Tract No. 285, entitled "A Free and Open Christian Church" by Charles W. Eliot, LL.D. This was the opening address delivered by Dr. Eliot at the Unitarian Meeting in Symphony Hall, February 4, 1917. This brief tract is a Psalm of the Liberal Faith. It expresses gratitude, reverence, confidence, good-will, and the spirit of service. It prophesies the coming of an open, free, unauthoritative Christianity. It says for the thorough-going Unitarian just what he would like to have said concerning the faith which brings happiness and peace.

The June Issue

Following the usual custom the June number of WORD AND WORK will not appear until about the middle of the month. As this is the last number until Fall it is always delayed in order to include the accounts of the meetings of Anniversary Week, which it would be impossible to do and get the paper out by June 1. Subscribers will, therefore, understand the reason for delay and not feel obliged to write to the Association if their paper fails to appear before June 15.

WORD AND WORK

There is a slow but steady gain in the number of subscribers for WORD AND WORK. During the past two years there has been an increase of 1800 copies per issue. While this is gratifying, there are much larger possibilities and we hope each individual and each church will co-operate to the fullest degree in assisting us to increase the number of subscribers. A denominational publication with a creditable circulation is a strong help both to the faith which it serves and to the individuals which it reaches. The group-rate subscription plan will be continued this year and if those who have not tried this plan will communicate with us, we shall be glad to forward subscription blanks, sample copies, and any other information that may be desired. It would be interesting to see how large an increase in our subscription list can be made by the hearty co-operation of individuals and churches.

BOOKS OF THE MONTH

The following recent books which may be classed as "books on liberal religion," "by Unitarian authors" or "about well-known Unitarians," have been acquired during the past month. They may be seen at the Book Room, 25 Beacon Street, and purchased at the accompanying prices.

A Confusion of Tongues, by Paul Revere Frothingham; $1.39 by mail.

The Spiritual Ascent of Man, by W. Tudor Jones; $1.65 by mail.

William Orne White, by Eliza Orne White; $1.65 by mail.

The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

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The Executive Board puts on record its sympathy with the forces that are working for the overthrow of tyranny and the establishment and strengthening of the principles of democracy and freedom.

A time of grave crisis like the present emphasizes the need of caution lest we extend our hatred of policies and systems to the people who maintain them. "We believe in the Brotherhood of Man."

Alliance women will serve their country as the opportunity shall present itself to each. May that service make for the highest patriotism. Let us work with others wherever it is possible, and make the occasion not one for separation into sectarian groups so much as for co-operation and partnership in good works.

Passed unanimously by the 23 members present April 13, 1917.

Alliance women are especially invited to attend the reception and conference to be given by Miss Bancroft and Mrs. Osgood at the Hotel Somerset, Boston, at three o'clock on Wednesday afternoon of Anniversary Week. After the reception groups will be formed for question and discussion among the various working forces of The Alliance. All the chairmen have been invited to be present and each will be the center of a rally. Mrs. Osgood will of course lead the Post Office Mission discussion. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson who are coming this year from the Southern Circuit are expected to be the centers of interest with Mrs. Peterson in that department. All who wish to consider informally The Cheerful Letter, Social Service, the Sunday-school, the Junior Alliance, work in the college towns or Alliance programs for the coming year will find this occasion not only delightful but invaluable.

Our General Conference to be held in Montreal in September 1917, has gained markedly in significance from the war situation. This particular biennial Conference, the first to be held out of the United States was arranged in Montreal in order to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Montreal Church and the one hundred years of disarmament between Canada and the United States. It will find the two countries united in the new bond caused by suffering and strengthened by the common fight to maintain a great principle.

If you have not already done so, plan now to attend this conference September 25-28. Send to 25 Beacon Street, Boston, for the official circular prepared by the Transportation Committee which gives all details of this trip. Delightful side excursions have been planned down the St. Lawrence, up the Saguenay, and to the Green Mountains, and the Lake Champlain Country. Hotel Windsor will be the headquarters in Montreal and rooms may be engaged at once. It is hoped that all who can do so and who go from New England will plan to patronize the special train which has been arranged. The program of the meetings, which will be international in character, will be printed shortly in the Christian Register and other Unitarian publications.

Alliance Anniversaries

Monday, May 21, 1917, 2.30 p. m.

Tremont Temple, Boston, Massachusetts.

Public Meeting, Subject: *The Mobilization of Spiritual Forces.*

Devotional Service. Addresses by Miss Anna M. Bancroft, Rev. Frederick M. Eliot, Rev. Frederick R. Griffin, Rev.

Abraham M.Rihbany, Rev. Samuel A. Eliot, D.D.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 1917, 10 A.M.

First Church, Berkeley and Marlborough Streets, Boston.

Annual Meeting for the presentation of annual reports and transaction of business.

Brief addresses will be given. Among the speakers will be Rev. E. H. Reeman who in Trenton, N. J., is successfully organizing a new Unitarian society without yet a church home of its own, and Dr. Addison Moore, of Schenectady, N. Y., who is doing a large constructive work in a well established church.

Officers and directors will be elected together with a nominating committee, a committee on credentials, and an auditing committee. The list of candidates is enclosed.

Accredited delegates and life members must present credentials. Delegates unable to be present may send credentials and ballots before the meeting to The Alliance, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. No ballot will be counted unless accompanied by the credential duly signed.

Kindly note that credential cards are enclosed with this call.

Delegates should be chosen according to the by-laws, Articles III and XI.

"The payment of one dollar annually to a branch shall constitute any woman a member of The Alliance when one-third of such fee is sent to the general treasury, shall entitle her to take part in deliberative meetings, and shall make her eligible to serve as a delegate to business meetings."

"Every organized branch, except associate branches, shall be entitled to one delegate for any number of members under thirty, and another delegate for each thirty members additional to the first thirty."

3 P. M. Hotel Somerset. Informal reception and conference with addresses on subjects vital to Alliance work.

THURSDAY, MAY, 24, 1917.

Channing Hall, 25 Beacon Street, Boston.

11 A. M. Cheerful Letter Conference.

3. P. M. Post Office Mission Conference.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

April 20, 1917.

Copies of the call and the ballot have been mailed to all the branches and to life members in sufficient numbers to allow each delegate to have one. These together with the credential cards duly signed by the branch secretary should be given to delegates in time to admit of their sending ballot and credential by mail if they cannot be present May 23rd. If any branch that has a local membership fee wishes to make one of its local members a delegate, it has only to make her a national member by paying the difference between the local fee and one dollar and sending one-third of this amount to the general treasury.

This year a simple form of ballot has been substituted for the Australian ballot of former years. The 1917 ballot will not have to be marked with a cross, but can be handed to the tellers as printed unless the voter wishes to write another name in place of a given candidate. Space is provided for this.

If the number of credentials sent to any branch is not in accord with the present membership, which may be different from that recorded in the last Manual, word should be sent to the Recording Secretary at once.

Will delegates be prepared to show their credentials as they enter the church?

For the first time the business meeting will be held in the First Church, Berkeley and Marlborough Streets, which has a larger auditorium than the former meeting place. In addition to the delegates, all who are interested will be welcomed at the business meeting.

At 3 P.M. Wednesday, Miss Bancroft and Mrs. Osgood invite Alliance friends to an informal reception at Hotel Somerset, when brief addresses bearing on our work will be given.

Enthusiastic reports reach headquarters from Mrs. Davis, just now in Omaha, and starting for visits in Colorado. We who know the way in which

her spiritual fire lifts us all to a clearer sight of things as they are, enjoy with our Western sisters the pleasure of Mrs. Davis's visit.

Mrs. Scott has written appreciatively of the evangelical spirit of the Meadville Conference at Buffalo, where great vigor is manifest. She is now on her way to the Southern meetings in Kentucky and Tennessee.

Executive Board

The regular meeting was held April 13, 1917. Present: Miss Bancroft, Mmes. Keyes, Noyes, Atherton, Brown, Whitney, Bacon, Blair, Bouvé, Burt, Coolidge, Edgecomb, Fiske, Gilson, Hayes, Henry, Houghton, Kimball, Lowell, Rice, Sawyer, Tuttle, Ware, Whitman, Glasgow, Clark, Miss McLauchlan.

The Treasurer reported that all appeals have been completed except that for Lawrence, Mass. The appeal for War Relief is not limited and contributions are always desired.

Mrs. George S. Wright has become a life member. To the memorial list have been added the names of Mrs. Susan R. Conger by the Third Branch, Chicago; Mrs. Augusta S. Vinal, Somerville, Mass., by her daughter; Mrs. George F. Summer, by Canton, Mass.; Mrs. Elizabeth W. Lee, by Barre, Mass.; Mrs. Emma Gage Proctor, Franklin, N. H., by her daughter; Mrs. Frank S. Sherburne, by Arlington Street Branch, Boston, Mass.; Mrs. Mary Dodge Hawes, Somerville, and Mrs. Mary H. Taylor, Quincy, N. H., by Unity Circle, Boston; Mrs. Hattie E. Holden by Billerica, Mass.

The President reported meetings in Philadelphia and several in Massachusetts that she has addressed the past month. The Board heard the letter to be sent to the ministers and churches of our faith exhorting to loyalty to the ideals of justice and freedom, signed by Hon. William H. Taft, President of the General Conference, Dr. Samuel A. Eliot, President of the American Unitarian Association, and Mrs. Bancroft, President of The Alliance, and by formal vote recorded its approval of the letter and the action of our President in signing it, 23 members present, two not voting. It was voted unanimously to adopt a resolution, which is printed in another column, to be sent to Alliance members, and to be given such publicity as may be determined by a committee consisting of the President, Secretary and Mrs. Blair.

Mrs. Glasgow, director for Eastern Canada, expressed in feeling words her appreciation of the significance of the letter and the resolution.

The Cheerful Letter report told of 1800 reply postal cards sent to correspondents. Over $75 has been received from the lecture given at Bulfinch Place Chapel, Boston, by Rev. Herbert A. Manchester of the Massachusetts Bible Society for the benefit of the Cheerful Letter Exchange.

Mrs. Voigt reported that the food question for sick and tubercular babies in the South of France is a very serious one. Mrs. Voigt plans to go over in July and will be glad to take garments for the orphans or for the soldiers.

The resignation of Mrs. Saville, Chairman of the Cheerful Letter Exchange, was received and it was voted to accept the resignation with appreciative thanks for Mrs. Saville's efficient service of five years.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Society for Christian Work of San Francisco, Cal., and to the International Institute of China for generous help in defraying the expenses of Miss Pecker's illness and return.

A new branch is welcomed, Niagara Falls, New York, Mrs. J. A. Johnson, President, 9 John Street, Niagara Falls, Ontario; Mrs. Addie York, Secretary, 623 Walnut Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York.

Word has been received that Indiana has 101 members and is entitled to a director.

Miss Lowell, Mrs. Donahue, and Mrs. Alma Faunce Smith were appointed a committee to plan for an Alliance meeting at the Isles of Shoals, July 19, 1917.

Mrs. Glasgow spoke of the excellent results obtained through the Canadian

Patriotic Fund, to which people contribute not as to a charity but because the public conscience is in this way stimulated to help towards the support of the families of the men at the front.

Fine reports from the Western branches brought out many interesting points. Massachusetts reports were concluded.

The next meeting will be held May 18.

CATHERINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

Mrs. Voigt requests that everyone who can send a prayer or hymn appropriate in thought, quality and form to the proposed prayer book for young people shall communicate with her at 222 Riverside Drive, New York City.

The Junior Junior Alliance

This Junior Junior Alliance of Orange, New Jersey, was organized in January, 1917, being the outgrowth of a group of girls, ranging in age from ten to fourteen years who had met to make articles for a child's table at the Church Fair. Their object was to do Red Cross work, first joining the National Red Cross, becoming thus entitled to wear the little Red Cross pin. After each girl had snipped rags enough to fill one of the 13 inch square comfort pillows, and had made her pillow, she was privileged to wear her apron which was a copy of those worn at the Red Cross Surgical Dressings Rooms.

The group started with five members and has grown to fourteen with an average attendance of ten every Saturday morning from ten to twelve o'clock. Besides the snipping of the rags they have stamped and cut out pieces of muslin the required sizes for wrapping the bundles of surgical dressings and wound balls of selvages used in the tying of these bundles. This work was done directly for the Red Cross Surgical Dressings Rooms in Orange. They are on call to do whatever they may be asked to help in Red Cross work.

Almost all have made their cap and apron and these are now worn during the meetings. Some have also done outside work such as knitting wash rags and sewing on baby garments.

Articles from the Red Cross Magazine are read during the meetings and news pertaining to the work is talked over. The girls are keenly interested and some one brings a friend who frequently becomes a worker with us to nearly every meeting.

At present they are working patiently upon whatever is given them hoping later they may be allowed to do some of the Red Cross surgical dressings, some of which they are competent to do.

Their director is taking the course of instruction in surgical dressings and is a worker in the Red Cross Surgical Dressings Rooms.

The girls have received an invitation to visit the Surgical Dressings Rooms and to do some work there when needed. The Junior Juniors have been fortunate in having with them two young ladies who are members of the Junior Alliance as assistants to their director.

MRS. EDWARD ALVIN, *Director.*
The MISSES SWAIN, *Assistants.*

The Anthony Junior Alliance of Fairhaven, Mass., has voted ten dollars for a French orphan.

News from the Branches

The Grace Chapel Branch at Green Harbor, Mass. respectfully solicits any useful or fancy article from interested friends for its annual fair which will be held August 8 and 9, 1917. Contributions may be sent to the secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Peterson, Green Harbor, Mass. who will acknowledge them.

At Sandwich, Mass. the first tent meetings were held on Cape Cod last summer. In this enterprise much extra work devolved upon the branch, and especially upon its president, in consequence. The weather was not all tent weather and the church was thrown open; the people needed food, and the inevitable clearing up had to be done just at the time when preparations for the two days of meetings of the Cape Cod Conference were being made, for the turn of hostess fell to the lot of Sandwich in 1916.

The new venture of the Syracuse, N. Y. branch this year has been the starting of an extra fund by which the branch

may send its minister to preach in neighboring pulpits for the furthering of sociability and fresh interest in Unitarian work. Other branches nearby are being asked to co-operate.

The Church of the Disciples, Boston, has been considering the Attitude of Liberal Christians toward some of the questions of the day, towards War, Peace, Religious Faith and Immortality. They furnished the kitchen of the Tuckerman School building. The Red Cross committee has been active, 50 members have joined the Red Cross Society and the Branch sent a complete outfit to one of Mrs. Voigt's French orphans, Gaston Die.

The Second Church Branch, Boston, had a successful fair in the fall which filled their treasury so that they could furnish their Tuckerman School room, support a student at Meadville and help support another, give to Ethelred Brown besides answering the usual appeals. Their meetings like those of the Church of the Disciples and the South Congregational are in the mornings with a hot luncheon served at 12.30.

The Brighton Branch, Boston, meets every week to sew for the Red Cross and the French Relief, the money for materials being given by members. One of their members works with the Instructive District Nurses.

From Iowa: Unity Circle, Des Moines, has a membership of about 150, one third of which neither belongs to, or attends church. They have a literary program and are much in the nature of a club, in spite of the fact that they carry on the usual functions of an Alliance. They are unique in that they are federated with the city federation of clubs and the state federation also. They have now joined "The Alliance" and are about to be the hostesses for the Western Conference. Meeting 15 or 20 of them one day I was told "that they had each one filled some responsible position in a public way."

At Griswold, Iowa, The Ladies Union of the Union Church is about to join The Alliance. Griswold is a small town of about 1000, where this church has been somewhat persecuted for its liberal belief. Hence they dare not use the word Unitarian though they have a Unitarian minister, belong to the Western Conference, are to entertain the Iowa State Unitarian Conference in the fall and the Ladies Union is ready to affiliate with us. Their means are very limited but they are an earnest group with a membership of about forty. They pay no dues but fine absent members!

The President of the Dubuque branch writes: For the three years that I have been President here it has been my policy to never let a meeting "slump" for lack of effort put in to it and have asked the hostesses each time to call up *everyone* at all interested. Those "on the edge" as well as members. As a result we often have an attendance of 40. The personal touch pays. We are divided into four standing committees. Each committee is responsible for two months of the year's work (except that one committee has three months.) They furnish plans of meeting, program and take charge of any supper or banquet which happens to come within their alloted time. These same committees stand organized also as the Bazaar Committee, each taking charge of a month. We clear about $250 on our Bazaar, which we feel is good considering the few workers we have. The spirit of it all is good. We aim to make it a church function, not merely a sale. Next year we are going to try a rummage sale of Christmas toys. It will cost nothing to get up and may put some really good toys into the hands of poor children, as well as net us something. This will not be in connection with the Bazaar. We usually pack a barrel of clothes for Southern missions. For two years one of our members has handled a banquet on her own responsibility. She wants to help the Sunday school and she stipulates that the proceeds from this banquet go to the Sunday school fund.

At Wichita, Kansas, the unique and beautiful work is their Christmas Shop. All the churches join together with representative committess. Each article is marked plainly with the name of the church from which it comes and the price, to facilitate the financial balanc-

ing. They rent a vacant building in the heart of the business center for one week and keep open shop. If possible, hot lunches and suppers are served, the different churches taking turns in preparing and serving them. This Christmas Shop takes the place of bazaars which all of the churches have done away with, and they make as much if not more money.

At Lawrence, Kansas, they are fortunate in having an adolescent group of young people, about fifteen of them, who meet at the church for supper every Sunday evening and hold a meeting afterward before the evening service.

The director for Wisconsin writes: The Alliance at Madison is in a good condition, having a membership of sixty. They have held sewing and business meetings twice a month, preparing for their Biennial Fair which takes place in the fall. They have given several dinners and luncheons, in this way assisting in the social life of the church, and adding some money to their treasury. This branch contributes $500 yearly towards the support of the church. They maintain a Flower Mission and make a yearly contribution to the Associated Charities of Madison. They also keep "The Christian Register" in the Public Library.

Mrs. Thayer, secretary of the Cincinnati branch, writes: "Under the old order The Alliance was the organ of religious and literary discussion of the women of the church, but of late years it has merged into its work all the other activities of the women. On the first Wednesday of the month there is gathered a large group of capable women ready to do at the moment whatever is most necessary. At the luncheon table, problems of the day are brought up for discussion and plans made for the carrying on of any work helpful to the church organization. The third Wednesday is devoted to a literary program, the subject for this winter being the influence of the Bible in the various phases of Drama, Poetry, Music and Art. The Sewing Circle which is a sub-committee of the Alliance has made many garments. A Base Hospital Unit was established in Cincinnati and our members did their share in supplying the needed garments. Work for the Red Cross was continued all through last summer. The Shut-In Society does remarkable work. Although a nonsectarian organization, the officers and leading members are from our Alliance. They teach these helpless persons to do the work for which there is a demand, therefore many of them are self-supporting and have the proud consciousness that they are useful members of society. Many pleasures are also given to them so life has become a joy instead of the burden it once was.

The reports from Youngstown, Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, all show tremendous energy and joy in working together, especially for the Red Cross needs, the one thought of the day. Their numbers are many. Toledo, as usual, is playing her vital part in the City's betterment, the Subject of the Year being "The part of women in the betterment of Toledo." Appeals have been answered and steady growth is felt.

Cleveland is working hard with it's 180 members. Red Cross work occupies one day weekly and they have stood ready to answer appeals within the Unitarian needs of for the city's uplift.

Youngstown is studying the History of Religions; and helping the city in every way it can. It's successful effort of "A Fairless Fair" seems worth passing on. Where each member gave what she would, otherwise, have spent in making articles.

Appeals

Appeals are practically completed. A few more dollars are needed for Lawrence, Mass.

Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

Headquarters: Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston

Rev. Frederick M. Eliot, *President*

Miss Grace R. Torr, *Secretary* Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, *Treasurer*

Topic-List for May

The Missionary Spirit

The topics for this month deal with the motive that lies behind our denominational missionary work; and especially with the missionary spirit of the Young People's Religious Union. Each union ought to ask itself how it can do better and more effective missionary work; and nothing would contribute more to the general movement than for each union to send in its suggestions to the central office as to how our Unitarian young people can increase and strengthen their missionary endeavors. The Y. P. R. U. is a missionary body: that is, it has as its chief purpose the spreading of the Unitarian faith among the young people of the rising generation. How can this work best be done? Will you not tell us how your society is doing it?

May 6. The Call from Macedonia. The missionary motive often rises from a need which is brought to our attention in some apparently trivial way. It was because of one man's call for help from Macedonia that Paul undertook his missionary work there. It happens not infrequently that the need of one person starts a movement that results in the founding of a Unitarian church in some distant community. It would be a good plan for this meeting to ask the chairman of the Post Office Mission committee in your church to tell about the valuable work that is done in this quiet but effective way. An appropriate hymn for this meeting is Joseph Gostick's: "The light pours down from heaven."

May 13. The Unity of Mankind. The vision of Peter on the house-top is worth studying; for it teaches a lesson that is important for all who would be missionaries. Our missionary work does not rest upon any notion that we are better than other people; but rather upon the conviction that all religions are expressions of the one spirit of God, and that our part is to share with all others the faith that we have received. Sing George Matheson's hymn: "Gather us in, thou love that fillest all."

May 20. The Missionary Work of the Twelve. We find in the story of the twelve disciples of Jesus the best expression of the missionary spirit. Study the directions which Jesus gave to them: how far can we follow them? Are they to be taken literally? Why not? Did St. Francis take them literally? Was his missionary work successful? What about other great missionaries? Livingstone, for example? Sing Frances Havergal's hymn: "Take my life, and let it be."

May 27. The Pentacostal Fire. The one essential thing in all missionary work is the sense of consecration to a work that is of divine importance. This is the meaning of the story in Acts II. How can we have the same experience? One way is to study the great missionaries of our own free faith. Read a short account of the life and work of Starr King, as found in "Heralds of a Liberal Faith." As missionaries of a free faith, we share in his spirit, and receive inspiration from him, much as the early disciples did from the example of Jesus. Sing Dr. Hosmer's hymn: "O prophet souls of all the years."

The Annual Meeting

The twenty-first Annual Meeting of the Young People's Religious Union will be held in the First Parish Church, Cambridge, Mass., on Friday, May 25.

The afternoon business session will begin at two o'clock, with reports of committees and the annual election of officers; Mr. Nelson J. Springer, one of the directors of the central organization and the super-

visor of the Meadville District, will speak on his work as a Y. P. R. U. representative in the field. A reception and supper to the delegates will follow this afternoon meeting.

The evening meeting will begin at half past seven and will be a service of consecration for young people, the president conducting the devotional part and the sermon being given by Rev. Adelbert L. Hudson of Quincy, Mass.

Official notices of the meeting will be sent out with the delegates' credentials two weeks in advance, although the three delegates, to which every union in good standing is entitled, may be appointed at any time. Remember the date: Friday, May 25.

The Boston Federation Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Boston Federation was held in the Arlington Street Church, Boston, on Sunday, April 29, with the usual two sessions.

At four o'clock the regular annual business was transacted, with reports from the various committees and subcommittees and the annual election of officers, the following being chosen:

President, Mr. Frederick M. West; Vice-President, Mr. Harold B. Daly; Secretary, Miss Anna B. Hooke; Treasurer, Mr. Malcolm Merrick; Chairman of the Friendly Service Committee, Miss Elizabeth L. Moseley; Chairman of Membership Committee, Mr. Walker B. Holmes; Chairman of the Ways and Means, Miss Priscilla Robinson; and Chairman of the Social Committee, Mr. William S. Knowles.

In the evening at half past seven, Rev. Samuel R. Maxwell of the Second Church, Boston, was the speaker; the service was patriotic in nature and pertinent to the spirit of the times.

South Middlesex Federation

The spring religious meeting of the South Middlesex Federation, Young People's Religious Union, was held at the Unitarian Church in East Lexington, Mass., on Sunday, April 15, 1917.

President Wetherell opened the business meeting shortly after five o'clock. After the reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and accepted, it was voted to appropriate twenty-five dollars for the hospitality committee, for the Annual Meeting of the Y. P. R. U. It was also voted that one half of the collection at the evening service be given to the national body.

Mr. Wetherell then introduced the general secretary as the speaker of the afternoon, Miss Torr telling of her many and varied duties as secretary of the Y. P. R. U.

After the roll call, which resulted in a total of eighty-five delegates the meeting adjourned for a social hour; refreshments were served by the young people of the parish.

Rev. Frederick M. Eliot was the speaker at the evening service, urging a greater co-operation of the individual guilds. Mr. Eliot emphasized their part in helping the Field Secretary and in contributing toward the Endowment Fund.

After the closing hymn, Rev. John N. Mark gave the benediction.

MILDRED F. KNIGHT,
Secretary.

The Annual Meeting of the South Middlesex Federation will be held at Spring Grove, Wellesley, on Saturday afternoon and evening, May 12, 1917. Take local car on the Boston and Worcester Line and get off at the picnic grounds.

Young People's Summer Meeting

Owing to the impossibility of obtaining a boat to carry us to Star Island, it has been decided to hold the Conference of Unitarian Young People at an island in Lake Winnepesaukee, N. H. (if it be found feasible.) All those who are planning to go to these meetings are requested to notify the secretary before the first of June in order that a definite decision may be reached. The cost for those staying the full time will not exceed $15 including transportation, as originally planned, although it will cost slightly

more for transportation to this island than for those spending just the week-end.

ALDEN VINAL KEENE,
Secretary.

The Hawthorne Club of Bowdoin College

The following is the report of a recent organization, the Hawthorne Club of Bowdoin College, somewhat unique in the annals of the Young People's Religious Union:

"We have chosen to name our organization after one of Bowdoin's most famous sons, Nathaniel Hawthorne, of the Class of 1825, and long connected with the Transcendental and Unitarian movements. President Emeritus Charles W. Eliot of Harvard, in a letter of acceptance of Honorary President said: 'It should be the work of the Hawthorne Club to show that the Unitarian views of God and man are more effective than any other toward right living, good works, public spirit, personal and social happiness, in joy or in sorrow, in labor or in rest, in peace or in war, in life or in death.'

The officers as elected are: President, Russell Davey Greene, Brunswick, Me.; Vice president, John Wesley Coburn, Lewiston, Me.; Secretary, Ralph Irving, Roxbury, Mass.; and Treasurer, Louis D. McCarthy, Roxbury, Mass.

Arrangements are being made to have Mr. Harold Manderson lecture on 'Work in the American Ambulance Service in France,' from whence he has recently returned."

Field Notes

Los Angeles, Cal. "All the activities of our church were resumed with vigor this year. The young people's society has had a social dance following an illustrated lecture; and have held regular religious meetings every other Sunday at half past six o'clock."

Des Moines, Iowa. "The Channing Club of our church has voted to federate with the Young People's Religious Union. Please send me whatever blanks are necessary in applying for membership, etc."

Portland, Me. "Under the auspices of the Young People's Society of the First Parish, meetings have been held fortnightly at five o'clock. There was a short address on some topic of social service, then a period of hymn singing, and finally, a brief social time with light refreshments. Last month the society presented 'Good Night, Babette' and 'Mr. Bob' in the parish house."

Yarmouth, Me. "Greetings from the Union at Yarmouth! I would say that our undertakings for the church,—the building of a new chimney and the redecoration of the vestry—have meant a struggle for our small band of young people in the raising of sufficient funds towards these ends. However, the proceeds of a recent dance enables us to free ourselves from all debt, and the balance we sent to the parent body. Our energies must now turn toward another fund, for we have just voted to procure a new piano for the vestry, this need demanding immediate attention."

East Bridgewater, Mass. The Y. P. R. U. of East Bridgewater has lately affiliated with the central organization after a winter of meetings, both interesting and profitable to the young members.

Norwell, Mass. "A Young People's Religious Union has been organized in the First Parish Church at Norwell, under the leadership of Rev. Howard C. Gale. A large number of young people have been enrolled as charter members, and we feel confident of success."

First Parish, Hingham, Mass. The Cornish Club, members of a Sunday School Class in the First Parish, has affiliated with the central organization and we wish for it a successful career.

Lancaster, Mass. The Bartol Guild voted to affiliate with the general society early in March, and we extend it a hearty welcome to our midst.

Pittsfield, Mass. The Francis David Fellowship is another addition to the central body; and the secretary has sent a cordial word of greeting, together with the usual certificate of membership.

Sturbridge, Mass. The Union in Sturbridge has voted to join the parent organization and expresses the hope that alliance with the larger body will strengthen it.

Unitarian Temperance Society

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